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SUBJECT: CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL ACQUIRES DAHOMEY

OIL CONCESSION

REF: COTONOU 0030

1. CARL L. LANGFORD, PRESIDENT OF CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL OF AFRICA, TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 27 THAT HIS COMPANY HAS JUST ACQUIRED DAHOMEY OIL CONCESSION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY UNION OIL COMPANY. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED IF THIS NEWS SHOULD BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, LANGFORD REPLIED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT NOT YET MADE BUT EMBOFF COULD TELL ANYBODY.

2. CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL EXPLORATION COMPANY IS HOUSTON-BASED SUBSIDIARY OF CAYMAN CORPORATION, INDEPENDENT CALIFORNIA OIL COMPANY, AND HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS OPERATIONS IN COLOMBIA
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AND ECUADOR. CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL OF AFRICA HAS BEEN BASED

LAGOS SINCE MID-1973 BUT NOT YET FORMALLY REGISTERED AS NIGERIAN CORPORATION. COMPANY CLAIMS TO HAVE ACQUIRED A SMALL NIGERIAN CONCESSION (LAGOS 8322) BUT IS ALSO SEEKING OTHER LINES OF WORK, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION OF US CHEMICAL COMPANIES, OIL BUYERS, AND EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS. LANGFORD SAYS CAYMAN PLANS DRILL BY END OF 1974 AND MAY DEPLOY OWN OFFSHORE DRILLING RIG, IN PART TO WORK FOR OTHER COMPANIES UNDER CONTRACT.

3. FOR CONTONOU: EMBASSY WILL POUCH ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION (INCLUDING STATE 233192) AND WILL TRY TO GET A READING ON THE TERMS OF THE CAYMAN AGREEMENT.
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